

Meetings with Administrator Jackson – Follow-up Items
New Orleans – May 10-11, 2010

1. LSU meeting (May 10)
 - a. Proprietary information: is the composition of the oil, and of the dispersants, considered trade secret information? If so, how can we assess the risks?
 - b. Request: more opportunities to partner with EPA. Louis Thibodeaux suggested the "Centers of Excellence" multi-university model.
 - c. Data: LSU professor Barry Dellinger has seen one data point showing Manganese II in Baton Rouge air. EPA should look at metal oxides.
 - d. Suggestion: Use "gliders" to collect data; can be equipped with fluorometers to track plumes.
 - e. Suggestion: EPA should use a peer review process. [SAB Task Force?]
2. Tulane University meeting (May 11)
 - a. EPA: Check to see what NOAA is doing on the Natural Resource Damage front.
 - b. Tulane: Coordinate the preparation of a matrix of the research going on by universities in Gulf States; what baseline data exists.
 - c. Available: website "Ushahidi", run by Bucket Brigade, has crisis reports (odors, fish kills)
 - d. Question: is EPA using ORD's RVA (Regional Vulnerability Assessment) model? (Contact = Betsy Smith, RTP)
 - e. Suggestion: Nichols University has worked with unmanned aerial vehicles that can be equipped with monitors/sensors.
 - f. Request: EPA should make clear that data collected by BP or its hired scientists must be made public.
 - g. Community education -- Michael Blum of Tulane suggested that the "Center for Public Service" (grad students with a community service requirement) could help explain technical info at community level.
3. Meeting with NGO's (May 11)
 - a. Data request: Would like to see speciated data from the TAGA, not just totals. [Wilma Subra.] Headaches and other medical symptoms in Venice, Lafite, Bayou LaFourche, etc.
 - b. Data request: NRDC asked EPA to post lat/long data on our AQ testing. Says it was provided earlier, then stopped. Low resolution dots on are map are less useful. [Regan Nelson]
 - c. Protective Equipment: Workers and volunteers on boats/booms are not being provided respirators. Work with OSHA.
 - i. Admin'r said we need to get more air quality data on the sea, and then OSHA can determine what protective gear is needed. [Bisco, LEAN, Dr. Wright]

- ii. Q: Can we train fisherman to take some air samples on the sea?
- d. Monitoring: Bucket Brigade would like to do some monitoring for us. [Anne Rolfes]. [Is this feasible?] (Relates to "expanding the enviro'l conversation.")
- e. "Citizen Advisory Committees" - Can we set these up to help share info w/communities about landfills and staging areas? [Casey DeMoss Roberts, Gulf Restoration Network]. [Need to discuss with LDEQ.]
- f. Water and sediment sampling (NWF, Amanda Moore):
 - i. Can EPA provide a map with all sampling points shown?
 - ii. Can EPA share our sampling protocols – why do we sample here one day, and there the next. No clear pattern.
- g. May 7 letter from LDEQ re: dispersants: Louisiana Audubon asked about EPA's response to letter raising concerns about the use of dispersants. [Barry Kohl].
- h. Request (NRDC): please look into a report of an oil slick on the beach, 100+ miles west of the delta in Cocodrie, LA. Person with photos: Brandon Schuler (832) 603-3787.
- i. Request (Bisco): can someone from R10 with experience after Exxon Valdez come down and talk about mental health/stress issues?